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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
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-against-	:	
	:	20-CR-506 (VEC)
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JULIO CESAR PRADO,	:	<u>ORDER</u>
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Defendant.	:	
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VALERIE CAPRONI, United States District Judge:

WHEREAS a change-of-plea hearing is scheduled for December 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.;  
and

WHEREAS that time is no longer convenient for the Court;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the change-of-plea hearing is adjourned to **December 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.** to occur as a video conference using the CourtCall platform.

Defense counsel will be given an opportunity to speak with the Defendant by telephone for fifteen minutes before the sentencing proceeding begins (i.e., at **8:45 a.m.**); defense counsel should make sure to answer the telephone number that was previously provided to Chambers at that time.

To optimize the quality of the video feed, the Court, the Defendant, defense counsel, and the AUSA will appear by video for the proceeding; all others will participate by telephone. Due to the limited capacity of the CourtCall system, only one counsel per party may participate. Co-counsel, members of the press, and the public may access the audio feed of the conference by calling 855-268-7844 and using access code 67812309# and PIN 9921299#.

In advance of the conference, Chambers will email the parties with further information on how to access the conference. Those participating by video will be provided a link to be pasted

into their browser. **The link is non-transferrable and can be used by only one person;** further, it should be used **only** at the time of the conference because using it earlier could result in disruptions to other proceedings.

To optimize use of the CourtCall technology, all those participating by video should:

1. Use the most recent version of Firefox, Chrome, or Safari as the web browser. Do **not** use Internet Explorer.
2. Use hard-wired internet or WiFi. If using WiFi, the device should be positioned as close to the Wi-Fi router as possible to ensure a strong signal. (Weak signals may cause delays or dropped feeds.)
3. Minimize the number of others using the same WiFi router during the conference.

Further, all participants must identify themselves every time they speak, spell any proper names for the court reporter, and take care not to interrupt or speak over one another. Finally, all of those accessing the conference—whether in listen-only mode or otherwise—are reminded that recording or rebroadcasting of the proceeding is prohibited by law.

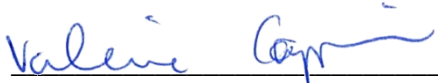
If CourtCall does not work well enough and the Court decides to transition to its teleconference line, counsel should call (888) 363-4749 // Access code: 3121171# // Security code: 0506#. Counsel should adhere to the following rules and guidelines:

1. Counsel should use a landline whenever possible, should use a headset instead of a speakerphone, and must mute themselves whenever they are not speaking to eliminate background noise. In addition, counsel should not use voice-activated systems that do not allow the user to know when someone else is trying to speak at the same time.
2. To facilitate an orderly conference and the creation of an accurate transcript, counsel are *required* to identify themselves every time they speak. Counsel should spell any proper names for the court reporter. Counsel should also take special care not to interrupt or speak over one another.

3. If there is a beep indicating that a new caller has joined while counsel is speaking, counsel should pause to allow the Court to ascertain the identity of the new participant and confirm that the court reporter has not been dropped from the call.

**SO ORDERED.**

**Dated: December 15, 2020**  
**New York, NY**

  
**VALERIE CAPRONI**  
**United States District Judge**